

RIDOT Director Peter Alviti with Gene Valicenti on WPRO – April 8, 2021

Caller Questions from April 1, 2021

- 1. Richard from North Kingstown: Asked for a timetable for repairs on the bridge on Devil's Foot Road in North Kingstown, particularly since he said its current posting is impacting his business**

Construction for the replacement of the Davisville Railroad Bridge is set to begin in 2023. It will take us a year to design the project and another year to coordinate with Amtrak because it crosses their high-speed rail line. Our engineers determined there was a defect with the original box beam at this bridge. We're working on a claim against the contractor for it.

- 2. Dave from his Car: Asked about the bridge with the Jersey barriers heading from the Grist Mill to Pawtucket Avenue in East Providence**

The bridge Dave called about is the Hunts Mills Bridge that carries Route 114A (Pleasant Street) over the Ten Mile River. Our plans are to award a replacement contract this year and begin construction in spring 2022. We had anticipated starting sooner but were delayed due to historic and other permitting issues.

- 3. Shane from Kingston: Reported water getting under the bricks (fascia) under the Washington Bridge on the East Providence side where they put in the new bike path**

What Shane described was a little corner of the bridge where we plan to repair a stone veneer wall. The bigger apparent issue was the staining of the mortar joints that we are scheduled to clean and reseal by the beginning or end of the summer. It will then look brand new.

Caller Questions from Previous Shows

- 1. Bob from Scituate: Said the pitch was changed when we resurfaced Route 12 a couple years ago and claims it washes out his driveway**

We met with Bob and made small repairs to the end of his driveway to address his current issues. We also installed an asphalt berm to redirect the stormwater into our existing drainage system adjacent to his driveway to help prevent future damage. Bob was happy when we left and we will continue to monitor our repairs.

2. Terri from Warwick: Reported concerns about railing after a truck had overturned at the Allens Avenue on-ramp to I-95 North in Providence

What Terri was calling about was bridge railing that had been torn off when a truck hit the parapet at the Allens Avenue Ramp Bridge. Rather than replace it, we mounted a guardrail in front of the parapet which will protect it until we rehabilitate the bridge as part of our 10-year plan.

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